

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2009**

State Team Members Present:

Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Mike Millican)
Dr. Robert Brissie
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Joy Deupree
Bill Harris
Sheriff Herbie Johnson
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy-Comm. John Houston)
Marian Loftin
Steve Marshall
Chief Ray Moore
Dr. Cheryl Outland
Dr. Gillis Payne
J.R. Sample
Shirley Scanlan (Proxy-Comm. Nancy Buckner)
Dianne Sims (Proxy-Senator Linda Coleman)
Dr. Karl Stegall
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Dr. Dale Wisely

Absent:

Jannah Bailey
Judge Jean Brown
Cathy Crabtree
Judge Bill English
Dr. Beverly Jordan
Col. J. Christopher Murphy
Dr. Kenneth Snell
Michael Sparks
Amy Trammell
April Holcomb Weaver

Guests/Staff Present:

Hallie Dixon
Jamey Durham
Kelly Hawkins
Dr. Debra Hodges
Kelley Parris-Barnes
Alton Stone
Connie Wadlington
Theresa Wilson
Albert Woolbright

Call to Order

On April 23, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Richard Burleson welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson circulated the State Team Membership list for any additions or corrections. Dr. Jordan, who represents the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, is expected to be reappointed to this position by the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The members present voted, without objection, to approve the January 2009 meeting minutes as written.

Governor Recommendations

The first draft of the next set of ACDRS Governor's Recommendations was presented to the state team. After lengthy discussion, changes and corrections were suggested and it was decided that a revised draft would be presented for consideration and vote at a future date.

Annual Report Update

A copy of the Annual Report for 2005 data was provided for each state team member and the annual report is also available on the website.

Status of Cases Report Update

Mr. Burleson reported on the outstanding cases for 2006. Several teams have review meetings scheduled and currently 76% of cases have been reported.

New Data System Update

Mr. Burleson reported that the new online reporting system has been implemented and usernames and passwords are available for any state team members interested in database access.

New Business

Guest Presentations

Family Protection Unit, Office of the Attorney General Kellie Hawkins and Hallie Dixon presented on the objective of the Family Protection Unit which is the prosecution of child abusers. Ms. Hawkins emphasized the importance of the work of child death review and how it correlates with their mission at the Attorney General's office.

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) Jamey Durham and Dr. Debra Hodges presented on an initiative that they are pursuing in Injury Prevention addressing violent deaths. Dr. Hodges reported on the background of this system and the method of identifying the variables that drive violent acts. Seventeen states currently participate in this initiative and Mr. Burleson suggested writing a letter of support from the State Team in support of Alabama's application to participate in this system as well.

Tuscaloosa Local Child Death Review Team Connie Wadlington gave an overview of the Tuscaloosa local review team makeup as well as her short history as the local review team coordinator. Ms. Wadlington also presented the specifics on one of their review cases and the team recommendations that resulted from that review. Prior to Ms. Wadlington's team coordination, this circuit was included in the low performance teams, and in her six months coordination of this team, they have completed their 2006 cases.

Current Legislative Efforts

Kelly Parris-Barnes mentioned the HB 829 proposed bill still in committee where the class action law suit unclaimed dollars be deposited in the Children's Trust Fund and used as match dollars for child abuse prevention.

Future Meeting Dates

The remaining meeting dates for this year are Thursday July 23, 2009 and Thursday October 29, 2009. The proposed meeting dates for 2010 are: January 21, April 22, July 22 and October 21.

Open Discussion

Kelly Parris-Barnes reported on the Infant Vitality Initiative pilot project in Birmingham.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.